

REMARKS

By way of the present amendment, claim 58 is canceled without prejudice. As such, claims 25, 26, and 50-57 are pending.

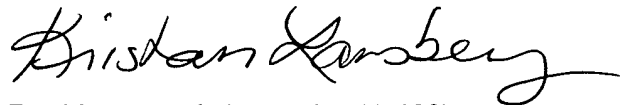
Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Enablement

Claim 58 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly not enabling one of skill in the art to make and/or use the invention. The Office acknowledges that the specification is enabled for certain NAALADase inhibitors being used for the treatment of retinopathy and age related macular degeneration. *Office Action* at page 2. However, the Office asserts that the specification "does not reasonably provide enablement for the broad phrase 'a NAALADase inhibitor'." *Id.* While Applicants disagree, claim 58 has been canceled without prejudice to facilitate examination. As such, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection and to pass this application to issue. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (202) 942-5186 should any additional information be necessary for allowance.

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